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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM TOKYO DATED AUGUST 30, 1977 SENT
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FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM
GERARD SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, JA

SUBJECT: SMITH'S MEETING WITH FUKUDA

1. I CALLED ON FUKUDA AUGUST 29, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR
MANSFIELD, NICHOLAS PLATT, AND JUSTIN BLOOM. PRESENT ON THE
JAPANESE SIDE WERE CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY SONODA, AMBASSADOR
TOGO, AND OKAWA OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. FUKUDA EXPRESSED HOPES FOR A SOLUTION TO THE TOKAI MURA
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ISSUE, AND RECALLED THAT HE HAD GIVEN HIS OPINIONS ON THIS
SUBJECT TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN MARCH AND AT THE SUMMIT IN
MAY. AS STATED BY ALL OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS TO WHOM I HAVE
TALKED, FUKUDA EMPHASIZED THAT JAPAN HAS NO INTENTION TO
ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, "UNLIKE SOME OTHER COUNTRIES."
HE REPEATED FAMILIAR THEME THAT JAPAN RELIES MOSTLY ON
IMPORTED OIL FOR ITS ENERGY SUPPLY AND CANNOT IGNORE

NUCLEAR ENERGY AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

3. I PASSED ON TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE PERSONAL REGARDS OF THE PRESIDENT AND THEN REPORTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEGUN AND THEY APPEARED TO BE IN MORE PRECISE FOCUS THAN HERETOFORE. I EMPHASIZED THAT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH WE HAD TABLED CONTAINED A MAJOR CONCESSION IN THAT IT WOULD PERMIT TOKAI MURA TO OPERATE IN A CONVENTIONAL MANNER IN A VERY SHORT TIME. I DESCRIBED TO HIM THE LEGISLATIVE PROBLEMS WE STILL FACE IN THE U.S., NOTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WAS TRYING TO OBTAIN LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PERMIT THE OPERATION OF TOKAI AS PROPOSED IN THE U.S. DRAFT AGREEMENT, AND ASKED FOR HIS SUPPORT IN REACHING AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRESENT U.S. LEGISLATIVE SITUATION. I ASSURED FUKUDA THAT WE HAD NO DOUBTS ABOUT JAPAN'S INTENTIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE LOOKING TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE TOKAI MURA ISSUE IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS--A FACTOR WHICH WILL NECESSARILY INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF THE PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS.

4. THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ADVISED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS. WE WERE NOT YET ANNOUNCING THAT PROPOSALS HAD BEEN TABLED BY EACH SIDE.

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5. I MENTIONED REPORTING EARLIER TODAY ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA TO FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA AS EVIDENCE THAT OUR NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS WERE NOT LONG RUN OR ABSTRACT BUT RESPOND TO A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER. FUKUDA HAD READ THAT THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAD MADE A JOINT DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA; I REPLIED THAT DEMARCHES HAD BEEN PARALLEL, NOT JOINT--BY THE U.S, FRANCE, AND THE UK. HE ASKED IF THE FRG HAD ALSO PARTICIPATED. I SAID I HAD NOT SEEN A GERMAN COMMUNICATION BUT BELIEVED IT WAS ALONG THE SAME LINES. HE ASKED ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS. I ADVISED THAT SOUTH AFRICA COULD PRODUCE FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND HAD DONE WORK ON HIGH EXPLOSIVES RELATED TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT THAT SOME DOUBT STILL REMAINED AS TO WHETHER THE RANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS DESIGNED FOR NUCLEAR TESTING. SOUTH AFRICA HAD GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT IT WAS NOT. THE U.S. WAS WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY.

6. FUKUDA EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND HOPE FOR AN EARLY AND SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE TOKAI PROBLEM.

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